REFERENCE TITLE: motor vehicles; bicycles; operation requirements

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## **HB 2546**

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## AN ACT

AMENDING SECTIONS 13-1203, 28-101, 28-704, 28-724, 28-735, 28-751 AND 28-815, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; AMENDING TITLE 28, CHAPTER 3, ARTICLE 11, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY ADDING SECTION 28-819; RELATING TO OPERATION OF BICYCLES.

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Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona: Section 1. Section 13-1203, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

## 13-1203. Assault: classification

- A. A person commits assault by:
- 1. Intentionally, knowingly or recklessly causing any physical injury to another person; or
- 2. Intentionally placing another person in reasonable apprehension of imminent physical injury; or
- 3. Knowingly touching another person with the intent to injure, insult or provoke such person;  $\mathsf{OR}$
- 4. TOUCHING OR THROWING AN OBJECT AT OR IN THE DIRECTION OF ANY PERSON RIDING A BICYCLE.
- B. Assault committed intentionally or knowingly pursuant to subsection A, paragraph 1 is a class 1 misdemeanor. Assault committed recklessly pursuant to subsection A, paragraph 1 or assault pursuant to subsection A, paragraph 2 is a class 2 misdemeanor. Assault committed pursuant to subsection A, paragraph 3 0R 4 is a class 3 misdemeanor.
  - Sec. 2. Section 28-101, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read: 28-101. <u>Definitions</u>

In this title, unless the context otherwise requires:

- 1. "Alcohol" means any substance containing any form of alcohol, including ethanol, methanol, propynol and isopropynol.
  - 2. "Alcohol concentration" if expressed as a percentage means either:
- (a) The number of grams of alcohol per one hundred milliliters of blood.
- (b) The number of grams of alcohol per two hundred ten liters of breath.
- 3. "All-terrain vehicle" means a motor vehicle that satisfies all of the following:
- (a) Is designed primarily for recreational nonhighway all-terrain travel.
  - (b) Is fifty or fewer inches in width.
  - (c) Has an unladen weight of eight hundred pounds or less.
  - (d) Travels on three or more low pressure tires.
- (e) Has a seat to be straddled by the operator and handlebars for steering control.
  - (f) Is operated on a public highway.
  - 4. "Authorized emergency vehicle" means any of the following:
  - (a) A fire department vehicle.
  - (b) A police vehicle.
- (c) An ambulance or emergency vehicle of a municipal department or public service corporation that is designated or authorized by the department or a local authority.

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- (d) Any other ambulance, fire truck or rescue vehicle that is authorized by the department in its sole discretion and that meets liability insurance requirements prescribed by the department.
- 5. "Aviation fuel" means all flammable liquids composed of a mixture of selected hydrocarbons expressly manufactured and blended for the purpose of effectively and efficiently operating an internal combustion engine for use in an aircraft but does not include fuel for jet or turbine powered aircraft.
- 6. "Bicycle" means a device, including a racing wheelchair, that is propelled by human power and on which a person may ride and that has either:
- (a) Two tandem wheels, either of which is more than sixteen inches in diameter, EXCEPT THAT THE WHEELS MAY BE SMALLER IF THE BICYCLE IS FOLDABLE.
- (b) Three wheels in contact with the ground, any of which is more than sixteen inches in diameter.
  - 7. "Board" means the transportation board.
- 8. "Bus" means a motor vehicle designed for carrying sixteen or more passengers, including the driver.
- 9. "Business district" means the territory contiguous to and including a highway if there are buildings in use for business or industrial purposes within any six hundred feet along the highway, including hotels, banks or office buildings, railroad stations and public buildings that occupy at least three hundred feet of frontage on one side or three hundred feet collectively on both sides of the highway.
- 10. "Combination of vehicles" means a truck or truck tractor and semitrailer and any trailer that it tows but does not include a forklift designed for the purpose of loading or unloading the truck, trailer or semitrailer.
- 11. "Controlled substance" means a substance so classified under section 102(6) of the controlled substances act (21 United States Code section 802(6)) and includes all substances listed in schedules I through V of 21 Code of Federal Regulations part 1308.
  - 12. "Conviction" means:
- (a) An unvacated adjudication of guilt or a determination that a person violated or failed to comply with the law in a court of original jurisdiction or by an authorized administrative tribunal.
- (b) An unvacated forfeiture of bail or collateral deposited to secure the person's appearance in court.
  - (c) A plea of guilty or no contest accepted by the court.
  - (d) The payment of a fine or court costs.
- 13. "County highway" means a public road constructed and maintained by a county.
- 14. "Dealer" means a person who is engaged in the business of buying, selling or exchanging motor vehicles, trailers or semitrailers and who has an established place of business.

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- 15. "Department" means the department of transportation acting directly or through its duly authorized officers and agents.
  - 16. "Director" means the director of the department of transportation.
- 17. "Drive" means to operate or be in actual physical control of a motor vehicle.
- 18. "Driver" means a person who drives or is in actual physical control of a vehicle.
- 19. "Driver license" means a license that is issued by a state to an individual and that authorizes the individual to drive a motor vehicle.
- 20. "Electric personal assistive mobility device" means a self-balancing two nontandem wheeled device with an electric propulsion system that limits the maximum speed of the device to fifteen miles per hour or less and that is designed to transport only one person.
- 21. "Farm tractor" means a motor vehicle designed and used primarily as a farm implement for drawing implements of husbandry.
- 22. "Foreign vehicle" means a motor vehicle, trailer or semitrailer that is brought into this state other than in the ordinary course of business by or through a manufacturer or dealer and that has not been registered in this state.
- 23. "Golf cart" means a motor vehicle that has not less than three wheels in contact with the ground, that has an unladen weight of less than one thousand eight hundred pounds, that is designed to be and is operated at not more than twenty-five miles per hour and that is designed to carry not more than four persons including the driver.
- 24. "Hazardous material" means a material, and its mixtures or solutions, that the United States department of transportation determines under 49 Code of Federal Regulations is, or any quantity of a material listed as a select agent or toxin under 42 Code of Federal Regulations part 73 that is, capable of posing an unreasonable risk to health, safety and property if transported in commerce and that is required to be placarded or marked as required by the department's safety rules prescribed pursuant to chapter 14 of this title.
- 25. "Implement of husbandry" means a vehicle designed primarily for agricultural purposes and used exclusively in the conduct of agricultural operations, including an implement or vehicle whether self-propelled or otherwise that meets all of the following conditions:
- (a) Is used exclusively for carrying products of farming from one part of a farm to another part of the same farm or from one farm to another farm.
- (b) Is used solely for agricultural purposes including the preparation or harvesting of cotton, alfalfa, grains and other farm crops.
- (c) Is only incidentally operated or moved on a highway whether as a trailer or self-propelled unit.
- 26. "Limousine" means a motor vehicle providing prearranged ground transportation service for an individual passenger, or a group of passengers, that is arranged in advance or is operated on a regular route or between

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specified points and includes ground transportation under a contract or agreement for services that includes a fixed rate or time and is provided in a motor vehicle with a seating capacity not exceeding fifteen passengers including the driver.

- 27. "Livery vehicle" means a motor vehicle that:
- (a) Has a seating capacity not exceeding fifteen passengers including the driver.
- (b) Provides passenger services for a fare determined by a flat rate or flat hourly rate between geographic zones or within a geographic area.
  - (c) Is available for hire on an exclusive or shared ride basis.
  - (d) May do any of the following:
  - (i) Operate on a regular route or between specified places.
- (ii) Offer prearranged ground transportation service as defined in section 28-141.
- (iii) Offer on demand ground transportation service pursuant to a contract with a public airport, licensed business entity or organization.
- 28. "Local authority" means any county, municipal or other local board or body exercising jurisdiction over highways under the constitution and laws of this state.
- 29. "Manufacturer" means a person engaged in the business of manufacturing motor vehicles, trailers or semitrailers.
- 30. "Moped" means a bicycle that is equipped with a helper motor if the vehicle has a maximum piston displacement of fifty cubic centimeters or less, a brake horsepower of one and one-half or less and a maximum speed of twenty-five miles per hour or less on a flat surface with less than a one per cent grade.
- 31. "Motor driven cycle" means a motorcycle, including every motor scooter, with a motor that produces not more than five horsepower.
  - 32. "Motor vehicle":
  - (a) Means either:
  - (i) A self-propelled vehicle.
- (ii) For the purposes of the laws relating to the imposition of a tax on motor vehicle fuel, a vehicle that is operated on the highways of this state and that is propelled by the use of motor vehicle fuel.
- (b) Does not include a motorized wheelchair, an electric personal assistive mobility device or a motorized skateboard. For the purposes of this subdivision:
- (i) "Motorized skateboard" means a self-propelled device that has a motor, a deck on which a person may ride and at least two tandem wheels in contact with the ground.
- (ii) "Motorized wheelchair" means a self-propelled wheelchair that is used by a person for mobility.
- 33. "Motor vehicle fuel" includes all products that are commonly or commercially known or sold as gasoline, including casinghead gasoline, natural gasoline and all flammable liquids, and that are composed of a

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mixture of selected hydrocarbons expressly manufactured and blended for the purpose of effectively and efficiently operating internal combustion engines. Motor vehicle fuel does not include inflammable liquids that are specifically manufactured for racing motor vehicles and that are distributed for and used by racing motor vehicles at a racetrack, use fuel as defined in section 28-5601, aviation fuel, fuel for jet or turbine powered aircraft or the mixture created at the interface of two different substances being transported through a pipeline, commonly known as transmix.

- 34. "Motorcycle" means a motor vehicle that has a seat or saddle for the use of the rider and that is designed to travel on not more than three wheels in contact with the ground but excluding a tractor and a moped.
- 35. "Neighborhood electric vehicle" means a self-propelled electrically powered motor vehicle to which all of the following apply:
  - (a) The vehicle is emission free.
  - (b) The vehicle has at least four wheels in contact with the ground.
- (c) The vehicle complies with the definition and standards for low speed vehicles set forth in federal motor vehicle safety standard 500 and 49 Code of Federal Regulations sections 571.3(b) and 571.500, respectively.
- 36. "Nonresident" means a person who is not a resident of this state as defined in section 28-2001.
- 37. "Off-road recreational motor vehicle" means a motor vehicle that is designed primarily for recreational nonhighway all-terrain travel and that is not operated on a public highway. Off-road recreational motor vehicle does not mean a motor vehicle used for construction, building trade, mining or agricultural purposes.
- 38. "Operator" means a person who drives a motor vehicle on a highway, who is in actual physical control of a motor vehicle on a highway or who is exercising control over or steering a vehicle being towed by a motor vehicle.
  - 39. "Owner" means:
  - (a) A person who holds the legal title of a vehicle.
- (b) If a vehicle is the subject of an agreement for the conditional sale or lease with the right of purchase on performance of the conditions stated in the agreement and with an immediate right of possession vested in the conditional vendee or lessee, the conditional vendee or lessee.
- (c) If a mortgagor of a vehicle is entitled to possession of the vehicle, the mortgagor.
- 40. "Pedestrian" means any person afoot. A person who uses an electric personal assistive mobility device or a manual or motorized wheelchair is considered a pedestrian unless the manual wheelchair qualifies as a bicycle. For the purposes of this paragraph, "motorized wheelchair" means a self-propelled wheelchair that is used by a person for mobility.
- 41. "Power sweeper" means an implement, with or without motive power, that is only incidentally operated or moved on a street or highway and that is designed for the removal of debris, dirt, gravel, litter or sand whether by broom, vacuum or regenerative air system from asphaltic concrete or cement

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concrete surfaces, including parking lots, highways, streets and warehouses, and a vehicle on which the implement is permanently mounted.

- 42. "Public transit" means the transportation of passengers on scheduled routes by means of a conveyance on an individual passenger fare-paying basis excluding transportation by a sight-seeing bus, school bus or taxi or a vehicle not operated on a scheduled route basis.
- 43. "Reconstructed vehicle" means a vehicle that has been assembled or constructed largely by means of essential parts, new or used, derived from vehicles or makes of vehicles of various names, models and types or that, if originally otherwise constructed, has been materially altered by the removal of essential parts or by the addition or substitution of essential parts, new or used, derived from other vehicles or makes of vehicles. For the purposes of this paragraph, "essential parts" means integral and body parts, the removal, alteration or substitution of which will tend to conceal the identity or substantially alter the appearance of the vehicle.
- 44. "Residence district" means the territory contiguous to and including a highway not comprising a business district if the property on the highway for a distance of three hundred feet or more is in the main improved with residences or residences and buildings in use for business.
- 45. "Right-of-way" when used within the context of the regulation of the movement of traffic on a highway means the privilege of the immediate use of the highway. Right-of-way when used within the context of the real property on which transportation facilities and appurtenances to the facilities are constructed or maintained means the lands or interest in lands within the right-of-way boundaries.
- 46. "School bus" means a motor vehicle that is designed for carrying more than ten passengers and that is either:
- (a) Owned by any public or governmental agency or other institution and operated for the transportation of children to or from home or school on a regularly scheduled basis.
- (b) Privately owned and operated for compensation for the transportation of children to or from home or school on a regularly scheduled basis.
- 47. "Semitrailer" means a vehicle that is with or without motive power, other than a pole trailer, that is designed for carrying persons or property and for being drawn by a motor vehicle and that is constructed so that some part of its weight and that of its load rests on or is carried by another vehicle. For the purposes of this paragraph, "pole trailer" has the same meaning prescribed in section 28-601.
- 48. "State" means a state of the United States and the District of Columbia.
- 49. "State highway" means a state route or portion of a state route that is accepted and designated by the board as a state highway and that is maintained by the state.

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- 50. "State route" means a right-of-way whether actually used as a highway or not that is designated by the board as a location for the construction of a state highway.
- 51. "Street" or "highway" means the entire width between the boundary lines of every way if a part of the way is open to the use of the public for purposes of vehicular travel.
- 52. "Taxi" means a motor vehicle that has a seating capacity not exceeding fifteen passengers, including the driver, that is registered as a taxi in this state or any other state, that provides passenger services and that:
  - (a) Does not operate on a regular route or between specified places.
- (b) Offers local transportation for a fare determined primarily on the basis of the distance traveled.
- 53. "Trailer" means a vehicle that is with or without motive power, other than a pole trailer, that is designed for carrying persons or property and for being drawn by a motor vehicle and that is constructed so that no part of its weight rests on the towing vehicle. A semitrailer equipped with an auxiliary front axle commonly known as a dolly is deemed to be a trailer. For the purposes of this paragraph, "pole trailer" has the same meaning prescribed in section 28-601.
- 54. "Truck" means a motor vehicle designed or used primarily for the carrying of property other than the effects of the driver or passengers and includes a motor vehicle to which has been added a box, a platform or other equipment for such carrying.
- 55. "Truck tractor" means a motor vehicle that is designed and used primarily for drawing other vehicles and that is not constructed to carry a load other than a part of the weight of the vehicle and load drawn.
- 56. "Vehicle" means a device in, on or by which a person or property is or may be transported or drawn on a public highway, excluding devices moved by human power or used exclusively on stationary rails or tracks.
  - 57. "Vehicle transporter" means either:
- (a) A truck tractor capable of carrying a load and drawing a semitrailer.
- (b) A truck tractor with a stinger-steered fifth wheel capable of carrying a load and drawing a semitrailer or a truck tractor with a dolly mounted fifth wheel that is securely fastened to the truck tractor at two or more points and that is capable of carrying a load and drawing a semitrailer.
  - Sec. 3. Section 28-704, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read: 28-704. Minimum speed limits; requirement to turn off roadway
- A. A person shall not drive a motor vehicle at such a slow speed as to impede or block the normal and reasonable movement of traffic except when reduced speed is necessary for safe operation or in compliance with law, INCLUDING SECTION 28-815.
- B. If the director or local authorities within their respective jurisdictions determine on the basis of an engineering and traffic

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investigation that slow speeds on any part of a highway consistently impede the normal and reasonable movement of traffic, the director or local authority may determine and declare a minimum speed limit below which a person shall not drive a vehicle except when necessary for safe operation or in compliance with law.

C. If a person is driving a vehicle at a speed less than the normal flow of traffic at the particular time and place on a two-lane highway where passing is unsafe, and if five or more vehicles are formed in a line behind the vehicle, the person shall turn the vehicle off the roadway at the nearest place designated as a turnout by signs erected by the director or a local authority, or wherever sufficient area for a safe turnout exists, in order to permit the vehicles following to proceed.

Sec. 4. Section 28-724, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read: 28-724. Overtaking on the right

- A. The driver of a vehicle may overtake and pass ON THE MAIN TRAVELED PORTION OF THE ROADWAY on the right of another vehicle only under the following conditions:
  - 1. When the vehicle overtaken is making or about to make a left turn.
- 2. On a street or highway with unobstructed pavement that is not occupied by parked vehicles OR BICYCLISTS and that is of sufficient width for two or more lines of moving vehicles in each direction.
- 3. On a one-way street or on a roadway on which traffic is restricted to one direction of movement and if the roadway is free from obstructions and of sufficient width for two or more lines of moving vehicles.
- B. The driver of a vehicle may overtake and pass another vehicle on the right only under conditions permitting the movement in safety. The driver shall not make the movement by driving off the pavement or main traveled portion of the roadway.
  - Sec. 5. Section 28-735, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read: 28-735. Overtaking bicycles: civil penalties
- A. When overtaking and passing a bicycle proceeding in the same direction, a person driving a motor vehicle shall exercise due care by leaving a safe distance between the motor vehicle and the bicycle of not less than three feet until the motor vehicle is safely past the overtaken bicycle.
- B. If a person violates this section and the violation results in a collision causing:
- 1. Serious physical injury as defined in section 13-105 to another person, the violator is subject to a civil penalty of up to  $\frac{\text{five hundred}}{\text{ONE}}$  THOUSAND dollars.
- 2. Death to another person, the violator is subject to a civil penalty of up to one thousand  ${\sf FIVE}$  HUNDRED dollars.
- C. Subsection B of this section does not apply to a bicyclist who is injured in a vehicular traffic lane when a designated bicycle lane or path is present and passable.

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- C. IF A COLLISION OCCURS BETWEEN A MOTOR VEHICLE AND A BICYCLE, THE COLLISION IS PRIMA FACIE EVIDENCE OF THE DRIVER'S FAILURE TO LEAVE A SAFE DISTANCE BETWEEN THE MOTOR VEHICLE AND THE BICYCLE.
  - Sec. 6. Section 28-751, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read: 28-751. Required position and method of turning

The driver of a vehicle intending to turn shall do so as follows:

- 1. Right turns. Both the approach for a right turn and a right turn shall be made as close as practicable to the right-hand curb or edge of the roadway.
- 2. Left turns. The driver of a vehicle intending to turn left shall approach the turn in the extreme left-hand lane lawfully available to traffic moving in the direction of travel of the vehicle. If practicable the driver shall make the left turn from the left of the center of the intersection and shall make the turn to the left lane immediately available for the driver's direction of traffic.
- 3. The director or local authorities in their respective jurisdictions may cause markers, buttons or signs to be placed and may require and direct that a different course from that specified in this section be traveled by vehicles turning at an intersection. When markers, buttons or signs are so placed, a driver of a vehicle shall not turn a vehicle other than as directed and required by the markers, buttons or signs.
- 4. Two-way left turn lanes. If a special lane for making left turns by drivers proceeding in opposite directions has been indicated by official traffic control devices:
  - (a) A driver shall not make a left turn from any other lane.
  - (b) A driver shall not drive a vehicle in the lane except:
- (i) If preparing for or making a left turn from or into the roadway or if preparing for or making a u-turn if otherwise permitted by law.
- (ii) IF NO TRAFFIC IS PRESENT IN THE LANE, A DRIVER MAY ENTER THE LANE A SUFFICIENT DISTANCE TO PROVIDE THE MINIMUM THREE FOOT SAFE PASSING DISTANCE TO BICYCLISTS REQUIRED BY SECTION 28-735.
  - Sec. 7. Section 28-815, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read: 28-815. Riding on roadway and bicycle path; bicycle path usage;

## <u>civil</u> penalties

- A. A person riding a bicycle on a roadway at less than the normal speed of traffic at the time and place and under the conditions then existing shall ride as close as practicable to the right-hand curb or edge of the roadway, except under any of the following situations:
- 1. If overtaking and passing another bicycle or vehicle proceeding in the same direction.
- 2. If preparing for a left turn at an intersection or into a private road or driveway.
- 3. If reasonably necessary to avoid conditions, including fixed or moving objects, parked or moving vehicles, bicycles, pedestrians, animals or surface hazards.

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- 4. If the lane in which the person is operating the bicycle is too narrow for a bicycle and a vehicle to travel safely side by side within the lane.
- B. Persons riding bicycles on a roadway shall not ride more than two abreast except on paths or parts of roadways set aside for the exclusive use of bicycles.
- C. A path or lane that is designated as a bicycle path or lane by state or local authorities is for the exclusive use of bicycles even though other uses are permitted pursuant to subsection D OF THIS SECTION or are otherwise permitted by state or local authorities.
- D. A person shall not operate, stop, park or leave standing a vehicle in a path or lane designated as a bicycle path or lane by a state or local authority except in the case of emergency or for crossing the path or lane to gain access to a public or private road or driveway.
- E. Subsection D OF THIS SECTION does not prohibit the use of the path or lane by the appropriate local authority.
- F. IF A DRIVER OF A MOTOR VEHICLE VIOLATES THIS SECTION AND THE VIOLATION RESULTS IN A:
- 1. MINOR INJURY TO A BICYCLIST, THE DRIVER IS SUBJECT TO A CIVIL PENALTY OF UP TO FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS.
- 2. SERIOUS PHYSICAL INJURY AS DEFINED IN SECTION 13-105 TO A BICYCLIST, THE DRIVER IS SUBJECT TO A CIVIL PENALTY OF UP TO ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS.
- Sec. 8. Title 28, chapter 3, article 11, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended by adding section 28-819, to read:

28-819. <u>Police patrol bicycles</u>

AN AUTHORIZED POLICE PATROL BICYCLE THAT IS USED AS A PART OF A POLICE BICYCLE PATROL MAY EXERCISE THE PRIVILEGES OF AN EMERGENCY VEHICLE PROVIDED IN SECTION 28-624 IF THE POLICE PATROL BICYCLE USES AN AUDIBLE SIGNAL OR VISIBLE SIGNAL PRESCRIBED IN SECTION 28-624.

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